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SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR ADVANCE

Foreword

The Foreign Missions Conference in accordance with its constitution recognizes the complete autonomy of all its member boards, naturally including determination of the form and extent of their participation in cooperative processes. The principle of cooperation may be and is applied in a wide variety of ways, ranging from denominational administration in accordance with interdenominational agreements all the way to joint administration of cooperative projects by a united agency set up by the cooperating boards. The constitution states: "The influence and usefulness of the Conference will depend upon the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure, and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations." (Article III, Section 2.)

Upon the basis of this understanding, the Foreign Missions Conference in Annual Meeting assembled adopts as high priorities for the guidance of its committees the principles and proposals which follow and recommends them for adoption by member boards also for incorporation in their own policies and programs as well as in the processes of cooperation.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Responsibility of the Foreign Missions Conference for formulating a grand strategy for foreign missions

Strategy is the marshaling of available resources so that they may be employed at the time and place and under the conditions which will give greatest advantage in obtaining one's objective. Grand strategy for foreign missions is the worldwide allocation and deployment of all available resources so that they may extend most speedily the membership of the church of Christ among all peoples and realize most speedily the kingdom of God in and through that membership, in order to achieve the purpose of God who would reconcile the world to Himself so that all men may be saved and come to the knowledge of His truth. While the ultimate responsibility for grand strategy must rest with the whole church of Christ,

it is a major responsibility of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America to face the task as a whole, to seek to contribute to the formulation of grand strategy for the church as a whole and particularly for the Protestant portion of it, to offer its contribution in humility to fellow-members of the International Missionary Council, and to share in implementing such grand strategy by influencing its member boards to use their total resources in accordance therewith.

Regarding all the work of member boards as parts of the process of cooperation

In view of the fact that at the present time less than ten per cent of the total overseas expenditure of the member boards of the Conference is appropriated to institutions and other projects cooperatively administered and that the remainder of their work is administered denominationally,

it is of paramount importance that all member boards regard the work administered denominationally as also parts of the single cooperative enterprise of the Foreign Missions Conference. This means that in all their planning and execution, they will conduct the work which they control exclusively, and do their utmost

to influence the national churches with whom they share control to conduct the joint work, not only in a spirit of comity but also with the recognition and practice of responsibility as trustees for the use of all the spiritual, personal and material resources entrusted to them by God in the ways best calculated to promote the entire work carried on by all the member boards of the Conference.

Emphasizing the need for a Christian United States and a Christian Canada in order to save the world

In view of the facts that the spiritual and economic losses of the Christian churches in Europe during the second world war have placed added responsibilities for the Christianization of the world upon the United States and Canada, and that within our two countries in spite of the increase in the proportion of church membership to population there is clear evidence that personal Christianity is increasingly characterized by shallower experience, less practice of the presence of God, less strong convictions concerning Christian ethical imperatives, and less concern for those who have not found the Christian way of life,

it is imperative that the Foreign Missions Conference make it clear that it believes that the revitalization of the Christian life of our two countries is a matter of primary importance for the maintenance and spread of the Christian way of life everywhere. It therefore appeals to the churches in North America and their agencies for work in the home lands to take every possible measure to meet their responsibility for Christianizing the people of our two countries and their corporate life, and also to give still more serious consideration to ways and means of eliminating racial discrimination within and without the church, the habit of placing personal gain ahead of the common welfare in industrial relations, the practice of maintaining a high standard of living without reference to the necessities of other peoples, unnecessarily elaborate church and institutional buildings, wasteful duplication in church and mission programs in city and country, sectarian rivalry and all other practices which are unchristian in spirit and therefore hinder the growth of Christ's kingdom overseas as well as at home.

GENERAL POLICIES RECOMMENDED TO MEMBER BOARDS

Cooperation in restoring the Protestant church life of Europe as a home base for worldwide missions

In view of the facts that the postwar situation in Europe threatens the future service of the Protestant churches of Europe as a home base for worldwide missions and that these churches are looking to North America for assistance in the rehabilitation of their church life,

it is of immediate importance that the member boards of the Conference, directly or through their appropriate denominational channels, cooperate in every possible way with their sister churches in Europe, particularly by utilizing the facilities for interdenominational, non-sectarian assistance provided by the Conference's agent in the field of relief and reconstruction, Church World Service Inc.

Cooperation with governments and private agencies in welfare programs

In view of the superior financial resources of many governments and some private agencies, the shortage of well-trained specialists to carry out the extensive programs for social and economic improvement to which those governments are committed, and the desire of many such governments to utilize Christian specialists in their programs,

it is of very great importance that the Christian church and its agencies give practical cooperation to such governments and agencies by:

1. Making available existing personnel for use by governments whenever such persons can thereby render the largest and most multiplying service;
2. Strengthening educational and training programs in order to furnish many additional Christian specialists to serve in government programs; and
3. Relating church programs for social and economic improvement (including public health) to similar government and private programs in the most constructive manner possible in each given situation.

Pushing large scale movements toward Christianity in primitive cultures

In view of the facts that in the history of the church large scale movements toward Christianity among people of primitive cultures, often in family or tribal groups, when accompanied by devout and thorough teaching in Christian faith and practice, have done much toward a sound increase of the world Christian community, and that there are still millions of such people in Latin America, Africa, India and elsewhere whose primitive culture is likely shortly to be displaced by an equally pagan and less responsive materialistic modern culture unless they are first won for Christ,

it is of high strategic importance that every board with work among such peoples redouble its efforts to secure a mind-set favorable to Christianity and to instruct those favorably inclined in the depths of the riches of the knowledge of Christ, so that soundly Christian communities may be developed, able in their turn to win other similar groups to Christ.

Conserving graduates of Christian schools for the Christian movement

In view of the very serious perennial losses to the Christian movement which result from its failure to follow up graduates and former students of Christian schools and relate them helpfully to church life and activities, particularly in the cities.

and larger towns to which they go after they leave school,

it is of urgent strategic importance that each area committee of the Conference make this a matter for serious consultation with their member boards and their related Christian Councils overseas, with a view to working out more effective means of conserving the Christian faith and service of this invaluable personnel, whether as lay leaders of the church or as salaried participants in church enterprises and institutions.

Continuance of Church World Service Inc. and clarification of its functions in reconstruction

In view of the certainty that great areas of the world will continue to need physical relief for a considerable period, our experience that government programs of relief generally require to be supplemented by more flexible non-political and specialized types of relief which private agencies can best render, the imperative demand of the Christian conscience that North America shall share its abundance with those less fortunate, and the demonstrated effectiveness of the cooperative planning and action now being carried on through Church World Service,

it is of the utmost importance that Church World Service Inc. be continued; that the member boards of the Foreign Missions Conference exert their influence with their respective denominations to maintain committees or processes to raise funds for relief and reconstruction to be administered through Church World Service; that they make it a policy that requests for the services of their missionaries for relief work under the auspices of organizations related to Church World Service shall rank as of at least equal importance with other types of Christian service within the missions; and that the Foreign Missions Conference join the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the American Committee for the World Council of Churches in authorizing Church World Service to initiate a study of the relationships of the reconstruction program of church world service to the ongoing world mission of the church and also an effort to define an inclusive program with an aggregate financial goal, with clear determination of which portions of that program should be administered unitedly and which should be financed and administered within the total coordinated program either denominational or by interdenominational church agencies overseas.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

by Member Boards and/or FMC Committees

Carrying through to completion projects already initiated by the committees of the Conference

The Conference recognizes that there are many projects and programs which have been initiated by its Committees or by similar interdenominational committees related to the Conference. The specific proposals for action which follow assume the importance of these undertakings already under way or projected, which are enumerated separately; but

it is highly important that the member boards of the Conference and other friends cooperate in making possible carrying through to completion projects and continuing programs already approved. The projects which follow supplement or develop them further.

Developing a complete Christian university for Japan

In view of the facts that present conditions in Japan call for Christian statesmanship of the highest order, that the Christian churches of Japan have long been calling for such strengthening of the Christian program of higher education as will give graduates of Christian universities preparation equal to that of graduates of government universities, and that both the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference have endorsed the proposal of Christian leaders in the city of Richmond, Virginia, that there be erected in Japan a suitable institution to symbolize the abiding good will of the Christian people of North America toward the people of Japan,

the Foreign Missions Conference of North America calls upon its member boards, the denominations they represent, and all Christian people of the United States and Canada to respond to the appeal of the Committee for a Christian University in Japan for a sacrificial outpouring of gifts that will make possible the erection and initial endowment of a Christian University in Japan to supplement and complete the work of existing Christian universities and colleges and at the same time to demonstrate the concern of the donors for the highest welfare of the Japanese people in their effort to rebuild national life upon sound foundation.

A study of strategy with reference to the spread of Marxian philosophy and Soviet expansionism

In view of the facts that at the present time there is a steadily increasing adherence to the materialistic faith of Marxian philosophy, fostered by the expansion of the influence of the U.S.S.R. by military conquest, political coercion and able propaganda, and that that faith is basically anti-religious and anti-Christian,

it is imperative that the Committee of Reference and Counsel provide for an adequate study of the facts concerning its spread and equally of those unchristian social and economic conditions which predispose people to its acceptance, and also provide for the formulation of a Christian program which shall be adequate to meet Marxian propaganda on the ideological level and at the same time shall work intelligently and courageously for the uplift of the people whose injustices and sufferings incline them to accept the wholly materialistic salvation offered by Marxian communism.

Further measures to establish right relationships with the program of the United Nations

In view of the recognized fact that the Christian movement around the world must take a major part in supplying a solid foundation for understanding and support of the purposes of the United Nations and because progress in international good will depends upon individuals and their mutual trust and appreciation of each other,

it is of high importance, that in addition to the responsibility already placed upon the Committee on International Relations and on World Peace for working out ways of providing that foundation through its relationships with the Christian groups in other nations, the three following specific steps be taken:

1. That a packet of material for missionaries be prepared, giving basic information and directing attention to areas of work where cooperation is possible and necessary;
2. That the Missionary Personnel Committee urge all missionary training centers to include in their curricula a study of the implications of the United Nations and its related organs for the work of the Christian movement overseas; and
3. That the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature move ahead in the preparation of its primer on the United Nations for the use of the newly literate.

Strengthening the salaried leadership of the church

In view of the fact that in many mission areas the concern for self-support of the church and the resulting low standards of support for a salaried ministry have resulted in church leadership which frequently compares unfavorably in both education and Christian personality with leaders holding comparable positions of responsibility in Christian schools and hospitals,

the Conference regards it as of primary importance that the Department of Social and Economic Research and Counsel of the International Missionary Council, under the leadership of its new director who has special competence in the study of this problem, carry out its plans for additional study of the varied types of salaried and unsalaried ministry called for and of the best ways of recruiting men and women for this service, of educating them and of providing appropriate methods of support; and that the member boards in carrying out their postwar plans give serious consideration to this problem and to the utilization of the results of studies already made and to be made by the Department.

Better provision for research

In view of the facts that the development of the world mission of the church is hindered by lack of exact information, of competent critical appraisal of varying methods of work, training, etc., and of careful studies in the use of newer techniques in mission work, and that at the present time there is at least a considerable amount of opportunity provided by theological seminaries and other institutions for research by missionaries on furlough and missionary candidates, which might be coordinated into a comprehensive and important program of research with resultant gains for the cause of foreign missions,

it is highly important that the member boards give increased support to the work of the new FMC Committee on Research which is responsible to the Conference for supervision of the Missionary Research Library, for securing contributions to the budget of the Department of Social and Economic Research and Counsel of the International Missionary Council, for advice in the operation of that Department and also for promoting other methods of research with the hope that the Department may serve as a directing and coordinating agent for research in the whole field of the world mission of the church as well as conduct direct research and promote the implementation of its results.

More Missionaries with Technical Training

In view of the existence of worldwide hunger, disease, ignorance, and other forms of handicap and suffering and the fact that the Christian church finds it difficult to meet the opportunities to cooperate with government and secular private agencies in meeting those needs because of the lack of trained personnel,

it is imperative that high priority be given to the appointment of greatly increased numbers of missionaries with technical training adequate to enable them to assist backward peoples in raising their standard of living above the mere subsistence level, thereby bearing witness to their Master who fed the hungry, healed the sick and enabled the handicapped to resume normal living. The Conference is convinced that such an emphasis in foreign mission work will appeal to a much greater supporting constituency than is reached at present and to hundreds if not thousands of young people with such skills who have a deep and radiant Christian experience and desire to render Christian service overseas, but who find little place in the foreign mission program as now carried on; urges its member boards to increase the number of such missionaries, including those with agricultural training, included in their lists of authorized appointments; and instructs the Secretarial Council to enlist the assistance of National Christian Councils and other agencies or persons overseas in determining the most urgent needs and the most welcomed types of service and making the information available to the member boards.

Enlisting Unofficial Christian Ambassadors Overseas

In view of the facts that the number of foreign missionaries is only a fraction of the total number of Christians from North America who go among other peoples, and that the international business operations of North American firms largely owned by Christians also play a large part in forming impressions of Christianity among non-Christian peoples,

it is a matter of urgent importance that ways and means be found to Christianize the impact of all North American enterprises and business personnel upon the mission areas in which they operate; and therefore the Committee of Reference and Counsel is instructed to take such steps as are necessary, including granting the right to raise funds in the same manner as representative committees, to reorganize and strengthen the Committee on Anglo-American Churches so that it may assume responsibility for representing the foreign mission boards of North America in dealing with all aspects of this problem.

Expressing Christian friendliness for foreign students in North America

In view of the facts that in this postwar period additional tens of thousands of students and technical trainees, largely sent by their respective governments, are

coming into North American communities for study and training, that among them are many who are Christians or have been influenced by Christianity before coming to this continent, and that practically all of them will be influenced strongly either for or against Christianity by the impressions they receive here,

it is highly important that member boards greatly strengthen their support of the Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students, the recognized agency of the Conference in this field, by additional appropriations toward its budget, by the assignment on salary of missionaries to serve with the Committee during part or all of their furloughs, as may be requested by the Committee, and by cooperating with the Committee in making the importance of its work and its program known among their denominational leaders and in their local churches.

A Study of North American Christian obligations for Southeast Asia and Pacific Islands

In view of the facts that changed conditions in both Europe and the mission fields of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands call for a fresh review of the obligations of North American churches for assistance to the Christian movement in those largely unevangelized areas, and that already calls for certain types of assistance have come from the Christian missions in Indonesia,

the Committee of Reference and Counsel is instructed to appoint a Special Committee on Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, which shall consider the obligations of the member boards of the Conference with reference to postwar needs and opportunities in those areas, and shall recommend to the Committee of Reference and Counsel and to the member boards a practicable program for strengthening the North American contribution to the evangelization of that entire area.

A study of the financing of foreign missions during an inflationary period

In view of the fact that there are many imperative calls for the expansion of their activities by member boards and by the Conference, but that this is also a period of unprecedentedly large nominal incomes in North America as well as of worldwide inflation which seems likely to be followed at no great distance by deflation and greatly reduced actual incomes,

it is imperative that the Committee of Reference and Counsel provide for a study of financial policy in the light of the experience of the past quarter century, with special reference to the wisdom of making any expansion of the work of individual boards take place only within a cooperative framework in compassable areas, so that not only may the Lord's funds be used most effectively in advance steps, but also the Christian forces in each given area may be in a situation to deal with the total situation collectively and when necessary make those readjustments which will be wisest for the whole Christian program in each area.

Undergirding foreign missions to meet the imperative priorities of the present hour

In view of the need for advance in many lines as indicated in the preceding list of imperative priorities, most of which require or warrant increase of missionary staffs and appropriations, and in view of the facts that in many of the denominations whose foreign mission boards are members the possible giving to foreign missions is restricted to almost unchangeable percentages of the total benevolence giving of the churches and that those charged with responsibility for meeting North America's share of the need for Christian work around the world are therefore unable to secure from

the people of the churches a response truly commensurate with the cause they represent,

the Committee of Reference and Counsel is instructed to devise ways and means

1. To do whatever an interdenominational body may properly do to help member boards to secure a share of denominational giving as nearly adequate to the present tragic demands abroad as may be practicable and right;
2. To arrange for larger cooperation with local councils of churches and of church women in developing interest in foreign missions and in securing increased giving for foreign missions through denominational channels;
3. To cooperate with the National Council of Community Churches in deepening the interest of community churches in the foreign missionary enterprise and increasing their giving by presenting appropriate interdenominational projects approved by the Conference to which gifts can be made; and
4. In accordance with authority given by the Constitution, to endeavor to secure from persons interested primarily in cooperative interdenominational projects gifts toward the work of the Conference as a whole and of its representative and other committees.

Responsibility for implementation of these priorities

In view of the fact that these priorities as adopted embody the common mind of the representatives of the member boards who are the voting delegates at this meeting,

the Committee of Reference and Counsel under the leadership of the Secretarial Council is instructed to give its primary attention during the coming year to the implementation of these priorities, with the understanding that area and functional representative committees will share in the process where they are concerned and that this instruction does not preclude attention as necessary to other projects already initiated by other committees of the Conference.

POSTWAR EMPHASES AND COOPERATIVE PROJECTS ALREADY INITIATED
by
Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference, Joint Committees in which
the Conference participates and related organizations
January 7, 1947

Introduction-The list which follows is not an exhaustive description of the work of the committees listed. Each has certain established routine functions which it carries and which are not enumerated here. Those which are listed are new emphases, programs or projects, mainly in response to postwar conditions and opportunities, which have been formulated and are being implemented either by an entire committee or by smaller participating groups under the general sponsorship of the committee. Projects set up under the sponsorship of a committee but already administratively independent are not listed under that committee. The impressive program of Church World Service Inc. in the field of relief and reconstruction also is not outlined.

It should be noted that while in general literature and literacy programs are listed under the Committee of World Literacy and Christian Literature in order to avoid duplication, in practically every case the program is sponsored jointly by that committee and the area committee concerned.

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA

\$100,000 program of evangelical broadcasting to cover whole area Protection of principle of religious Liberty in Latin America

Changing La Nueva Democracia into a quarterly with new format, and a monthly correspondence service to 150 evangelical papers in Latin America

AFRICA COMMITTEE

Development of International Christian Action Centers in Brussels, Paris and Lisbon

Study of African marriage customs by J. Merle Davis

Development of higher education in Africa

Developing Christian Councils in new areas and strengthening existing ones

Interchange of international study visits on African matters

Developing the Christian Home Movement in Africa

Development of the Union Press and Distribution Center at Leopoldville

Development of the Africa Bureau as a center of information on Africa

COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG MOSLEMS

Obtaining and circulating information concerning slides and film strips

Producing a series of phonograph records for evangelistic work

Strengthening libraries in Christian schools

Promoting exchange of national Christian leaders between Moslem areas

Urging integration of medical extension work with rural work programs

Establishing recreation centers for young people, both rural and urban

Inaugurating rural work in purely Moslem villages

Developing circulating libraries in the vernaculars on rural work

Developing a series of orientation booklets for missionaries going to Near East countries, comparable to those produced for the United States army

Developing correspondence courses in Islamics and missions to Moslems for missionary candidates unable to take full courses

Establishing in the Near East adequate training facilities for language, orientation and Islamics

INDIA COMMITTEE

Arranging extension board consultations and public meetings for Christian deputation from India in spring of 1947

Visit of Committee Secretary to India late in 1947

Implementing theological education survey made in 1945

Providing a new headquarters building for the National Christian Council

Study and action on Reisner recommendations for long-range program of famine prevention and rural reconstruction

Developing active program in audio-visual education from two main centers

Strengthening and expanding the Christian Home Movement

Study and definition of implications for missionary program of reports of Bhore Committee on Public Health and Sargent Committee on Education

Developing a North American committee for Woodstock School for missionary children

PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE

Backing up the newly organized Association of Christian Schools and Colleges

Sending an educational commission of three specialists to study theological and general education

Securing an Advisory Council of Educators in the United States for Christian education in the Philippines

Rural survey by John Reisner and associates to cover homesteading in Mindanao, a rural department in Silliman University and a social and economic project for the Hukbalahaps

Appointing Mr. and Mrs. Huber as supervisors of rural demonstration centers

Reorganization of the Philippine Federation committees and appointment of missionary co-secretary with Bishop Navarro

Developing a Protestant medical education center in Manila

Developing a united Christian program for Mindanao colonists

CHINA COMMITTEE

A program of spiritual and physical rehabilitation of Christian workers

A five-year program of evangelism for China

Continuing program of student evangelism in government universities returned to original sites

Development of the Laymen's Movement

A program for assuring church relationships for alumni Christian schools

A program for the training of laymen for Christian service

Rural rehabilitation through North China Christian Rural Service Union and similar programs developed in all parts of China

Training, research and service in Home and Family Life through four area centers

Research and experimentation for more effective Christian impact on cities

Developing a nationwide program of visual aids on five year basis

Investigation of possible cooperative Christian radio programs

Recognition of central importance of Christian middle schools and developing a program of adequate support from mission boards

Study of necessary qualifications for specialized missionary service

Nominating Christian supervisors of English teaching in government schools

Religious literature projects in English Braille for qualified blind students (in cooperation with the John Milton Society)

Broadening support base for College of Chinese Studies and cooperation with its new president as it reopens with full modern equipment

KOREA COMMITTEE

Securing military clearance for missionaries through Commission of Ten
Printing and shipping Sunday School lesson materials
Printing and shipping religious tracts (200,000 each of four tracts)
Restoring publication of hymnals to self-sustaining basis
Assisting with reorganization of National Christian Council
Cooperating with Church World Service in shipping relief supplies
Recommendation of personnel for union institutions
Pressure for the unification and independence of Korea
Providing literature for the blind (in cooperation with the John Milton Society
and the Literature Committee of "World Day of Prayer")
Establishing a rescue home for abandoned Korean girls

JAPAN COMMITTEE

Maintenance in Japan of the Commission of Six representing entire Japan Committee
Printing and shipping 50,000 union hymnals to Japan
Cooperation with Japanese churches in their three-year evangelistic campaign
Raising \$200,000 for temporary church buildings in devastated cities
Raising \$100,000 for relief of pastors of the Church of Christ in Japan
Undergirding the program for rural evangelism and Christian Home and Family Life
Cooperation with National Christian Education Association in re-planning Christian schools
Establishment of an adequate Christian university for Japan
Recommending Christian personnel for teaching and other services in government
and private institutions
Facilitating the formation by boards so desiring of a council for cooperation with
the Church of Christ in Japan
Developing a sub-committee to plan the early resumption of missionary activity in
Okinawa and other Loochoo Islands

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL FOR OVERSEAS WORK

Sponsoring an interdenominational campaign for recruitment of medical missionary
personnel (with Student Volunteer Movement)

Developing five centers for courses in medical training for non-medical missionaries and maintaining extension service in connection

RURAL MISSIONS COOPERATING COMMITTEE

Workshop in extension education methods under Department of Agriculture

Developing circulating reference library in rural missions and home and family life

Studies, research and training with reference to cottage and village industries

Securing support for trip of John H. Reisner to India, East Asia and the Philippines to counsel on long-range programs of rural reconstruction and agricultural improvement

COMMITTEE ON WORLD LITERACY AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Literacy campaigns in the Near East, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gold Coast, Belgian Congo and Transvaal by Frank Laubach; and subsidies for six literacy campaigns in Latin America

Developing and helping finance "follow-up literature" for the newly literate in areas visited by Dr. Laubach

Training and locating new area literacy directors for India

Developing a literacy chart and first primer in Korean

Publishing 2,000,000 pamphlets, "How to Use Your New Testament" in Japanese to be distributed with American Bible Society Japanese testaments

Translating Home Library booklets into French, Portuguese and vernaculars for use in Africa

Extending distribution service of the Douala bookshop (in Africa)

Restoring Christian literature in Burma (hymnals, primers and "Heart of the Bible" booklets) Korea and the Philippines

Expanding devotional literature for India, China and seven Moslem countries

Establishing a working capital revolving fund for literature publication in India

Extending circulation of the "Christian Farmer" in China

Expanding the literature program of the United Christian Publishers of China

Developing comprehensive literature programs in Spanish and Portuguese for Latin America

Promoting interest in a worldwide program of literacy and literature through publication of manuals, plays, and a popular movie on literacy work in many lands.

Publishing "The Story of Jesus" for the newly literate in English and translating it for literacy campaigns in Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and Persian.

Publishing "Streamlined English Lessons" and literacy primer

COMMITTEE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN CHURCHES

Changing name to "Committee on English-speaking Union Churches Overseas"

Taking the initiative in organizing new English-speaking churches overseas where needed

Organizing the twenty or more union churches overseas into a fellowship

Establishing a building loan fund to help church building in approved enterprises

Securing a full time executive secretary to solicit supplementary contributions from interested individuals and firms

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Cooperative experiment and research in the tools and techniques for the effective use of audio-visual media in foreign mission programs

Exchange and circulation of information concerning the results of experimentation, and securing the production of manuals

Enlisting the advice and cooperation of Christian technical experts in these media

Counseling services for missionaries on furlough and missionary candidates

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ON WORLD PEACE

Developing mutually helpful relationships with the United Nations and its organs; and developing missionary understanding and interest in its program

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Developing training courses in language and orientation at Cornell, Hartford, Yale, Scarritt and Princeton

Developing specialized training courses in:

- a-The use of audio-visual aids
- b-Literature and literacy techniques
- c-Teaching of English to non-English speaking peoples
- d-Theology for lay missionaries

Production of a film for recruiting missionary candidates

Cooperation in arranging for research theses by missionaries and candidates on subjects of practical value to the missionary enterprise

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS (acting jointly with similar committee of the Home Missions Council)

Extending publicity services of the Missions Public Relations Office as funds are made available by member boards

Increasing number of regional super conferences on missions

Committee on Public Relations (cont.)

Planning public relations strategy and implementing plans as developed

Cooperating with Protestant Film Commission in utilizing motion pictures to interpret and secure understanding of Protestant missions

Developing techniques of cooperation with state and local councils of churches and of church women in increasing interest in and support of missions

Developing cooperation with the United Christian Youth Movement in more effective contacts with Christian youth with reference to life service, interest in and support of the world mission of the church

Developing closer relations with community and federated churches and presenting suitable interdenominational projects for their support

Planning for a series of large-scale local missionary rallies and training conferences in 25 centers in 1948

Experimenting with reproducing the techniques of the Florida Chain of Missions in one or two other selected states

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL PROGRAM AND FUNDS

Encouraging process of integration of foreign missions emphasis into the total program of the United Council of Church Women

Cooperating with the Home Missions Council in providing an additional staff member for U.C.C.W. to make possible such integration

Cooperating with the World Council of Churches in the study of the Life and Work of Women in the Church

Arranging hospitality, financial assistance and itineraries for Christian women visitors from overseas

Counseling the Missionary Education Movement with regard to special women's needs in text books for adult use.

Arranging periodic consultations for administrative and promotional personnel related to women's work

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

A forward movement in evangelism related to present world conditions

The reorganization of the program of Jewish work and its reorientation to Europe

The salvage of German missions and continued opportunity for them

Cooperation with the World Council of Churches in the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, to apply Christian principles to international relationships

International Missionary Council, (cont.)

Emphasis on the related problems of the economic basis of the Younger Churches and trained leadership

Production of Christian literature geared to the continuing world revolution

Improved publicity on the basic contribution of missions to world order

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Cooperating with Church World Service in the translation and circulation of "Religious Liberty: an Enquiry"

Safeguarding religious liberty provisions in peace treaties and trusteeship agreements

Further information concerning these projects and other established work of the committees of the Foreign Missions Conference will be found in the booklet: "The First Postwar Year" which can be obtained, gratis for single copies and at cost for larger quantities from

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